

## CLAIMS

We claim:

- 1        1.     A dual clutch comprising:  
2            a first clutch area comprising a housing connected to an abutment plate by a  
3        press fit , a first pressure plate, and a force exerting element supported against the  
4        housing and urging the pressure plate toward the abutment plate, and  
5            a second clutch area comprising a second pressure plate and a force  
6        transmitting arrangement which extends axially across the abutment plate and can exert  
7        force on the second pressure plate, said force transmitting arrangement comprising a  
8        first force transmitting element and a second force transmitting element connected by a  
9        press fit.
- 1        2.     A dual clutch as in claim 1 wherein said abutment plate has a radially inner  
2        connecting surface and said housing has a radially outer connecting surface which  
3        receives said radially inner connecting surface in a press fit.
- 1        3.     A dual clutch as in claim 1 wherein said housing comprises a part formed of  
2        sheet metal.
- 1        4.     A dual clutch as in claim 1 wherein said housing wherein said housing and said  
2        abutment plate are also connected by at least one of connecting elements, welding,  
3        bonding, and adhesive.
- 1        5.     A dual clutch as in claim 1 wherein said first force transmitting element has a  
2        ring-like first connecting area and said second force transmitting element has a second

3 connecting area with a plurality of axial projections, one of said connecting areas being  
4 axially inserted into the other connecting area.

1 6. A dual clutch as in claim 5 wherein the first connecting area has an inner  
2 connecting surface and the second connecting area has an outer connecting surface  
3 which is inserted inside the inner connecting surface.

1 7. A dual clutch as in claim 5 wherein the second connecting area has a side facing  
2 radially away from the first connecting area, said dual clutch further comprising a  
3 support ring against said side facing radially away from the first connecting area.

1 8. A dual clutch as in claim 5 wherein said first and second force transmitting  
2 elements are also connected by at least one of connecting elements, welding, bonding,  
3 and adhesive.